



*Virginia Aviation Board
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2004*

**MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 27, 2004,
9:00 A.M. AT THE HOTEL ROANOKE, ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger L. Oberndorf, Chairman
Emmitt F. Yeary
Bob L. Johnson
Larry T. Omps
William J. Kehoe
Marianne M. Radcliff
Alan L. Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT

Director Randall Burdette, DOAV Staff, Federal Government Representatives, Airport Managers and Sponsors, Consultants, Engineers, State Government Representatives, Business Owners, and City & County Representatives.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, Mr. Oberndorf, called the meeting to order. The Chairman introduced Secretary of Transportation, Whittington W. Clement. Secretary Clement is glad to be at the Board meeting and is pleased with the attendance for the Board Meeting as well as the Conference. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2004 Board Meeting. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the June 2004 minutes. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried. The minutes from the June 2004 Board Workshop and Meeting were approved.

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. DOAV Report

None provided

B. Legislative Update

The Chairman called on Mr. Keith McCrea to provide the Legislative Update. Mr. McCrea reviewed three items of legislation that were being proposed for the 2005

Session of the General Assembly. Item 1 dealt with aircraft licensing fees and after discussion it was decided that this item be dropped.

Item 2 dealt with the idea of financial responsibility for the aircraft license itself and was forwarded to staff for review.

Item 3 dealt with Land Use Compatibility. During the Land Use Committee Report, Dr. Alan Wagner will provide an update. With no questions from members of the Board, Mr. McCrea stepped down.

C. Aviation Safety Report

The Chairman called on Mr. Michael Mills to give the Department's Safety Report. Mr. Mills provided the Aviation Safety Report Presentation on the following topics: Number of Accidents/Incidents; Aircraft Category; Meteorological Conditions; Type of Injury or Fatality; Accidents/Incidents Occurring by Virginia Pilots/Non-Resident Pilots; Location of Accident/Incident; Preliminary Cause of Accidents and Incidents; Aviation Safety Awareness; and his Resources. For this year we have had 26 accidents/incidents compared to this time last year there were 31 accidents/incidents and in 2002, there were 37 accidents/incidents. For the 26 accidents/incidents so far this year, 13 have been single-engine, four multi-engines, three experimental, two rotorcraft, two ultra lights, one glider, and one parachute. There have been three minor injuries, two serious injuries, and one fatality. Two of the twenty-six accidents/incidents involved non-Virginia resident pilots. The preliminary reports show that the accidents/incidents consisted of 9 landings, 2 gear-up, 6 engine failed in flight, 1 take-off, 1 parachute failed to flare, 2 maneuvering, 4 mechanical, and 1 door separated in flight.

Mr. Mills provided dates of upcoming Aviation Safety Education. October 16-17 – FAA Wing's Weekend at Lynchburg, AOPA; October 25th – Chesterfield County Airport, AOPA; October 26th – Virginia Air and Space Center – Hampton, AOPA; October 27th – Fredericksburg (location to be announced), AOPA; and October 28th – Virginia Highlands Airport, Abingdon, Virginia – AOPA.

D. FAA Report

The Chairman called on Mr. Terry Page to give the FAA Report. Mr. Page announced two new WADO staff members, Ms. Valerie Jackson, Engineer and Mr. Luis Loarte, Planner. A program was authorized by our Congress in our most recent legislation that allows FAA to fund purchase of development rights of privately owned airports. Mr. Page brought this up to the members of the Board in case this is something they want to learn more about.

Mr. Page provided copies of the status of AIP Grant Program for the current year to members of the Board for their review. Mr. Page should have a final report for the current year ready for the October VAB meeting.

E. G.A. Airport Security Program Report

The Chairman called on Mr. John Settle to give the G.A. Airport Security Report. Eight security audits and plans have been completed by RVA. They have been sent to eight airports for their review and comments. The Department should have these back and forwarded to RVA by September 15, 2004. RVA will take these edits and

comments and produce the final copies of Airport Security Audits and Plans, templates, and manuals for each of the four classifications of General Aviation Airports. DOAV hopes to receive these by October 1, 2004. Funding available for FY 2005 was established at \$750,000.00. Currently there is \$285,000.00 under grant or tentative allocation that represents roughly 38% of the \$750,000.00 budget. The funding available as of August 19 that has not been allocated is \$464,000.00. Mr. Settle provided a Compliance Overview handout for FY 04 & 05.

Mr. Settle asked for any questions or comments. Secretary Clement wanted to know if all airports are working towards becoming certified and Mr. Settle responded that some airports are waiting for RVA to finish their work before committing to the voluntary certification. Secretary Clement asked what our benchmark would be as far as all airports being certified by years end. Mr. Settle stated that he expects three quarters of all general aviation airports certified by the end of this fiscal year.

F. Land Use Committee – New Chairman

Chairman Oberndorf announced that the former Chairman of the Land Use Committee, Mr. Robert Neitz, term has expired for serving on the VAB. Chairman Oberndorf appointed Dr. Alan Wagner as the new Chairman of the Land Use Committee. Chairman Oberndorf also asked Ms. Marianne Radcliff and Mr. Larry T. Omps to serve on the committee. Chairman Oberndorf asked Dr. Wagner for any comments on the Land Use Committee Meetings. Dr. Wagner is extremely concerned with the increasing growth pressures being felt throughout the state, that there is a priority need to assure that the significant public investment in our first-rate air transportation system is protected from new and nearby land-uses that are incompatible with airport operations. Mr. Keith McCrea advised Dr. Wagner that he forwarded a packet to Secretary Clement on Friday, August 20, 2004 that contained a Proposal that piggybacks on an existing piece of legislation that is now law dealing with Military airports and land use compatibility. Secretary Clement has received and reviewed the proposal.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Contract Tower Resolution

The Chairman called on Mr. Bryan Elliott, Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport to address the Contract Tower Resolution presented at the June 2004 Board Workshop. Mr. Elliott thanks the members of the Board and Secretary Clement for giving him the opportunity to present the Resolution for the Contract Tower Program. With no questions, Mr. Kehoe made a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Radcliff seconded and the motion carried. Copy of Approved Resolution is attached.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for Resolutions – Tentative Allocations from the Commonwealth Airport Fund

The Chairman called on Mr. Swain to present the Airport Services Division Request for Resolutions – Tentative Allocations from the Commonwealth Airport Fund. Mr. Swain stated that the first order of business would be to approve the Entitlement Utilization Reports under Tab 4. Mr. Kehoe made a motion to approve

recommendation. Dr. Wagner seconded and the motion carried. Ms. Radcliff abstained.

Mr. Swain commented Ingalls Field which once did have scheduled traffic years ago, have finally exhausted their entitlement funds and the department will not be seeing any reports from them in the future. No report was received from Dulles who is limited to \$2,000,000.00 in entitlement funds and do not ask for discretionary funds. When their report is received, we will bring before the VAB for approval.

Mr. Swain moved to the project requests. The intent today is not to present the projects individually again but ask you to turn to the front pages of each region and approve/disapprove recommendations.

Region 1

Before Mr. Yeary made a motion, he asked if Mr. Michael St. Jean from Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport had any comments or concerns for his airport. Mr. St. Jean had no comments at this time.

Mr. Yeary made a motion to approve recommendations. Dr. Wagner seconded and the motion carried.

Region 2

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Region 3

Mr. Larry T. Omps made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Region 4

Ms. Radcliff made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Region 5

Mr. Kehoe made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Region 6

Ms. Radcliff made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Region 7

Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve recommendations. Ms. Radcliff seconded and the motion carried.

B. Request for Resolutions – TA's from the Aviation Special Fund

Ms. Cherry Evans was called on to present the promotion projects.

Region 1

Mr. Yeary made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Region 2

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approved recommendations. Ms. Radcliff seconded and the motion carried.

Region 3

Mr. Omps made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Region 4

Ms. Radcliff made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Region 5

Mr. Kehoe made a motion to approve recommendations. Dr. Wagner seconded and the motion carried.

Region 6

Ms. Radcliff made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried.

Region 7

Norfolk International Airport – Ms. Radcliff abstained from vote on this project due to them being a client of her firm. Dr. Wagner made a motion to approve recommendation. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Chairman Oberndorf asked Dr. Wagner to address an issue with Reagan National Airport. Dr. Wagner would like to make a motion that members of the board with all it's great influences, support the efforts of our collective local, state, and federal representatives to re-establish general aviation in a speedy and secure manner at Reagan National Airport. Mr. Kehoe seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kehoe made a motion to have Aviation Special Funds for the Promotion and Air Service Development and Enhancement Program be approved the same as the Maintenance Program and the Security Program. There is no need to bring these projects before the Board. Dr. Wagner seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Kehoe welcomed Mr. Randall Burdette to the Department of Aviation and looks forward to working with him. Chairman Oberndorf also welcomed Mr. Burdette aboard.

Mr. Yeary thanked airports from Region 1 for their representation at the conference as well as Board meetings. Mr. Yeary asked representatives from Region 1 to stand and introduced them and what airport they represent. Mr. Ronald Deloney from Virginia Highlands Airport, Mr. Tim Brown from Twin County Airport, Mr. Buford Cordle, Jr., from Tazewell County Airport, Mr. Bob Dix and Mr. Joseph Copenhaver from Mt. Empire Airport, and Mr. Michael St. Jean from Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport.

Mr. Yeary provided a brief summary to Mr. Randy Burdette on the Lonesome Pine Airport issue.

Mr. Johnson spoke on minimum standards and obstructions issues but the dialogue was inaudible.

Secretary Clement also address the same topic but the dialogue was inaudible.

DOAV will conduct an update on obstructions for the Board at the October meeting.

Mr. Omps wanted everyone to know he looks forward to working with them.

Mr. Kehoe thanked everyone with the Blue Ridge Soaring Society for the rides and a wonderful afternoon.

Mr. Burdette announced that the October Board meeting will be held in Richmond.

ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.